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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner : Suzanne Marie Noakes
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Applicants : Chandrika Govardhan et al.
Application No. : 10/749,962
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For : HUMAN GROWTH HORMONE CRYSTALS AND
METHODS FOR PREPARING THEM

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO AUGUST 4, 2006 OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This responds to an August 4, 2006 Office Action in the above-identified application.

Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3) to extend the time for filing

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this response for three months, up to and including February 5, 2007¹. This response is, thus, timely filed.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 17 of this paper.

¹ The shortened statutory deadline for responding to the Office Action expires on February 4, 2007, a Sunday. According to 37 C.F.R. § 1.7, this response is timely filed on the next succeeding day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or Federal Holiday.